

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiko OSADA; Mikio SAITO; Masato HANAI

Application No.: New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: January 9, 2002

Docket No.: 111638

For: ENGINE STARTER SYSTEM HAVING DUTY-CONTROLLED SWITCHING DEVICE

J1011 US PRO
10/040444
01/09/02


INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

*for
MSB
Coffield
6-7-02*

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Thomas J. Pardini
Registration No. 30,411

JAO:TJP/kaf

Date: January 9, 2002

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION
Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

BEST AVAILABLE COPY